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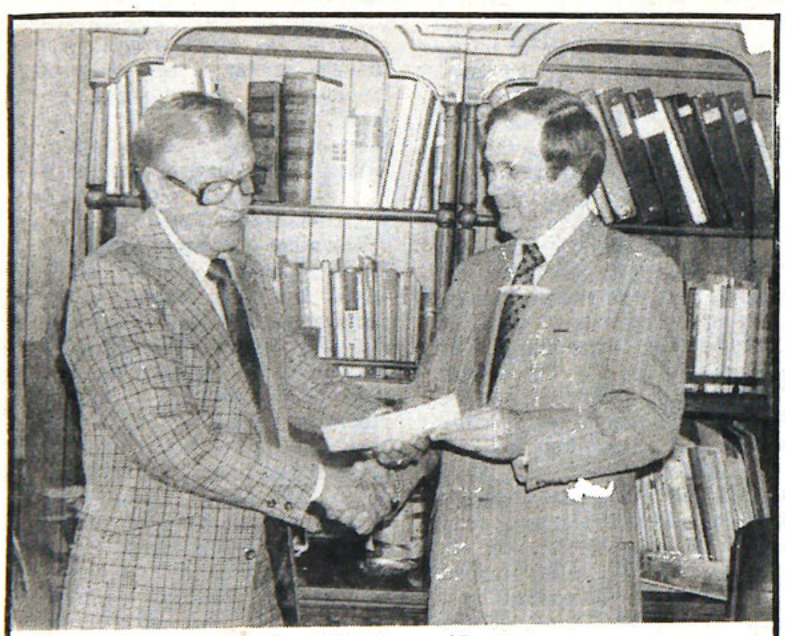
Bruce McDannald
Student Injured

By DEBBIE VUCIC

Friday, Jan. 21 is a day that Bruce McDannald, a second semester music major, will long remember but would like to forget. At five that afternoon Bruce was riding his motorcycle on State Road 577 when he was struck by a car driven by an orange picker. Bruce did not see the car that hit him but very much felt the impact which broke his right thighbone and threw him 40 feet into a cow pasture. McDannald lay in the field for about fifteen minutes while an ambulance was called.

Bruce appeared to be in good spirits when I visited him in Community General Hospital a few days after the accident. He expressed his appreciation at the concern shown him by Dr. Bill Reardon, who in driving home passed the accident scene and spotted the St. Leo parking permit on his bike. Dr. Reardon stopped and ended up spending the night with McDannald. Bruce also expressed his appreciation for the time and concern given him by Dr. Robert Ackerman. Dr. Ackerman assisted Bruce in a transfer from Jackson Memorial Hospital which had no traction facilities available.

Within a few days McDannald will be taken to a Tampa hospital where a pin will be surgically implanted into his leg. He will then remain hospitalized for several weeks until a cast can be put on his leg. Bruce says he has a good idea of what he's in store for him because he once tore a cartilage in his leg and was confined to a wheelchair for a month. So, if you see Bruce zipping around St. Leo on his crutches you'll know why, he's been there before.



Dr. Thomas B. Southard (left), president of Saint Leo College, accepts the $1,800 grant from The Sears-Roebuck Foundation awarded for the 1976-77 academic year. Presenting President Southard with this year's grant is Michael Dunklin, manager of the Dade City Sears-Roebuck Catalog Store.

I F C Debates Low G P A

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN

The Inter Fraternity Council met last Monday evening to consider proposals for allowing pledging of fraternities by students who have not achieved a 2.00 grade point average. The main topic of discussion was a letter submitted by the council, and signed by the fraternity presidents, to the Academic Council that would revise the procedure for pledging.

The revisions are: 1) Reduction of hours of pledging from Sunday to Thursday to twelve hours so as to allow students more time to study, 2) Setting up of tutoring programs for those students who do not have an average of 2.00, 3) Rewards for those who show improvement in their grades, 4) Formation of fraternity educational committees to consult pledges and members, 5) Retaining a faculty member as an educational advisor for the IFC, 6) Changing pledging to provide for service projects to be performed by pledges, 7) Mandatory class attendance, 8) A maximum of four weeks pledging period.

Jim Devlin of Alpha Sigma Chi strongly objected to the letter, a letter which he had previously signed, on the grounds that it would be impossible to implement such programs as the new rules called for. He argued that while it would be possible to insist that pledges attend the help sessions, there is no way that fraternity brothers could be forced to attend. He stated that anyone who believed that this could be done was fooling himself. Several of the other fraternity presidents supported Devlin in this contention.

Phil Quatrone of Phi Theta Chi argued that the program was being shot down before it had a chance to be implemented and that his fraternity would suffer greatly if it were not able to take in pledges with low GPA's. Steve Ramus of Phi Delta Omega supported Quatrone and also agreed that it was wrong of the other fraternity presidents to object to the letter having agreed to it already.

Another problem that Devlin saw as that it would be difficult to find many fraternity brothers who would be willing to give up one night per week to teaching. He recounted his own experience saying that when he taught in a help session last year, 10 of the 15 students in the class still received grades of D or F.

One of the provisions now being considered is that those with GPA's of under 2.00 would be allowed to pledge although they could not be initiated into the fraternities until they had raised their grades to the acceptable level. These students would not be subject to paying dues or fees to the fraternity until they were eleigible to join. Devlin again took offense arguing that in order to pay for fraternity functions the fraternities would simply take "donations" or take the money under the table.

Of the 970 students now in attendance at St. Leo, 310 are under academic probation due to their low grades.

Walt Cermak, who represented the IFC at a meeting with the Academic Council earlier in the day, articulated his wish that the academic standards of the school

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GODSPELL
Theatre Production Slated

The Saint Leo Theatre department will present the musical "GODSPELL" February 9 through February 12 at 8:15 in the college theatre.

Godspell was originally conceived and directed by John-Michael Tebelak. Mucis and lyrics are by Stephen Schwartz. This musical is based on the Godspell according to Saint Matthew.

Dennis Henry and Don Cunningham are co-directing and designing the show.

The cast includes Carmel Griffin, who performed in House of Blue Leaves and was assistant director of Dark of the Moon; Anthony D'Maio, who had a lead role in Dark of the Moon; Paige Brown, who was in both Dark of the Moon and House of Blue Leaves; Peter Sgro, who played the lead in House of Blue Leaves and was in an off-Broadway production of Westside Story; Beth Sand, who had the role of Bananas in House of Blue Leaves, and a role in Dark of the Moon; Don Dare, who played a double role in Dark of the Moon. There are some new faces in the musical this year, Cathy Crouch, Terry Dusseault, Lindsey Murray, and Phillip Johnson.

The modified rock band will include drums, electric bass and guitar, and organ. John Higgins will direct the music.

In order to keep ticket prices as low as possible the set is basically taken from the old Lion's Cage

. Tickets will be sold in advance only, $2.00 for Students, $4.00 for general admission. Call the theatre extension 326 for information.

We wish the best of luck to the cast and crew. Break a leg!

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EDITORIAL

S.G.A. Repent

By JACK SULLIVAN

More than half the year has passed and the accomplishments of the S.G.A. are largely limited to holding several meetings and doling out several hundred dollars of its funds to charities of various merit. Historically, this is not such a bad record; though it fails to legitimatize the present S.G.A's continued existence. The sine quo-non of the problem is that the association has no power and never has had any. So impotent is the S.G.A that it no longer commands the 60's charge that it acts as a subterfuge for the college's administration to suppress student power and consciousness. Presently it is all the S.G.A. can do to maintain itself. In short, the whole Student Government Association is a bad joke.

What's not so funny are the repercussions of its powerlessness. As it is, there is no powerful vehicle on this campus for students to routinely and consistently influence administrative policy making. As a result we have institutionalized an environment where the student body recognizes itself as disenfranchised and acts as such. It is suspicious and hostile to the college's administration, it is withdrawn, alienated and retiring. St. Leo students take little interest in college affairs because experience teaches that their efforts are of little importance. Not only have student's feelings towards the college been molded by the system, the faculty too is encumbered by a similar syndrome. It is a telling sign that anger no longer exists, just disgust and effetism. So lost is any sense of common purpose and community that it may be impossible for these goals to be resurrected.

Currently the college is trying to sell itself as having a close and intimate spirit of community. Unless it intends to add outright lying to its other maladies it should take steps to check the growing rifts in its societv. One step in this direction would be the establishment of an administrative council to propose, establish and guide all administrative policies. It would be composed of the trustee appointed administrators, faculty and student representatives all having equal voice, vote and representation. Such a system would go far to heal old wounds and remedy the purposelessness of the current atmosphere and clear the myopic vision of the present administration. The genius of such a system is that it is not just an idealistic pipedream. It is streamlined enough to be efficient and cautious enough in its checks and balances to prevent excesses from any one entity.

Judging from experience it seems unlikely that those who control the college will promote such a council. They will not even publicly admit that problems exist. It would be supremely ironic and almost redeeming if the S.G.A. were to lead a drive for the adoption of an administrative council. Ironic because that neophyte of college politics would have effected the most substantial change to ever be made on the St. Leo campus. I hope the S.G.A. officers have the perspicacity to attempt the challenge.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

Jack Sullivan deserves to be commended for his valiant attempt at arousing the student population to active participation in politics.

My concern lies with out-of-state students receiving financial aid, that is 40 per cent of the student population. In order for out-of-state students to obtain state grants and guaranteed student loaans from their home state, they must be residents of that state. Establishing residency in Florida or participating in an election in Florida would automatically cancel their own state residency and in most cases cause them to lose their state financial aid. It would not make them immediately eligible for Florida state financial aid since there is a two year residency period before one is eligible for a Florida grant or loan.

I would like to mention that, as far as aid programs are concerned, attendance at a college away from the home state does not constitute residency in the college state.

I am not familiar with the way the town of Saint Leo obtains its funds. If it is indeed according to a formula based on a population that includes nine hundred or so students, then maybe it is the formula which needs to be brought up to the attention of the commissioners?

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Maguire
Director of Student Services

EDITORIAL

35 Down, 3 to Go

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN
Associate Editor

On Saturday, January 22, channels 8 and 10 presented two programs on the debate over the Equal Rights Amendment, a bill which comes up for ratification in the Florida legislature again this year. Station WFLA presented the program "News Conference" with Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly, a leader of the stop ERA movement. Later ABC News presented "ERA - The War of the Women." This consisted of statements by various women and men who both support and oppose the ERA movement.

The major arguments used by Schlafly and her supporters are based on emotional appeal as well as playing on a fear of the unknown consequences of ERA passage. Factual data was ignored perhaps because it does not support these arguments. These arguments included such things as that the passage of the amendment would lead to unisex bathrooms, that there would be an increase in abortions because the amendment would give them validity, and that the bill would lead to open homosexuality. Anyone who can see the logic in that is probably also a fan of Howard Hughes' lifestyle. Another argument is that the bill would lead to having women become involved in combat situations in the military, something from which they are now protected. Another argument that Schlafly uses is that women are physically inferior to men, but nevertheless would be forced to accept inappropriate jobs as laborers in which heavy lifting would be involved. She reasons that, since women can only lift 60 per cent of the weight that men can, they would be turned into some kind of Amazon. Groups which follow Schlafly include the Eagles (not the band), Happiness of Women, Inc., and Women Who Want to be Women.

On the other side of the issue are people such as actor Alan Alda, and Liz Carpenter of ERA America. Carpenter argues, "ERA is simply an amendment which will guarantee women equal protection under the law." She expresses her amazement that it has taken so long for women to achieve equality in this country. She recognizes that the amendment could bring changes in the system and laws but she does not fear this change, rather she and her supporters are anxiously anticipating it. One of the changes which might result from passage of the amendment would be that inheritance laws would be the same for men and women. As it stands now, if a man dies and his wife inherits property from him, then she must pay inheritance taxes on it. If the woman were to die, the husband would not have to pay these same taxes. Another problem is that female heads of households earn on the average of 50 per cent less in income than do their male counterparts. Because of unfair hiring practices and labor laws, women have found it difficult to break into male-dominated fields. Alan Alda spoke of the fact that there still exists in this country a myth that women who work are only doing so to pick up a few extra dollars and are thereby taking the food out of the mouths of a man and his family.

Groups which support the ERA include the American Bar Association, the National Organization for Women, and the League of Women Voters. Hardly a bunch of screaming radicals.

In March of 1972, the ERA passed both Houses of Congress and was sent to the various state legislatures for ratification. In order for the bill to become an amendment to the Constitution it must receive three-fourth majority support from the legislatures of the states, which means that 38 states must go along. At present, 35 state legislatures have passed the bill and three more are needed. Florida is one of the states that has not passed the bill and it comes up again this year. If the needed 38 states are not found by 1979, then the bill will die.

The arguments which oppose the ERA should be recognized for what they are, purely hysterical knee-jerk reactions to change. Schlafly and her supporters come mainly from the ranks of conservative housewives. This is great, except that these women are not truly acquainted with the real world any more then a college student is. They are protected from the world by the solace of their husband's bi-weekly paychecks.

ERA opposition fears women in the trenches. Some people fear having men in the trenches. Rosemary Conasu, a lieutenant in the Navy feels that Code 10 (the law which prohibits the armed forces from placing women in combat) is discriminatory against her and other women who want the right to fight. She feels that since this is the ultimate purpose of the Army and Navy then she and others should be allowed to participate in the action.

On the abortion question this writer feels unqualified to answer the charge. The argument is illogical, unreasonable and absurd. Which brings us to the next argument, that of unisex bathrooms. The person who thought of this argument must have spent a good deal of his (her) time with his (her) head stuck in a small porcelain bowl of water. The adjectives necessary to criticize this argument would elude Alexander Pope.

The other big argument of the ERA opponents is that there would be open homosexuality because the law would lack any way to prevent it. While this does not deserve the dignity of a reply, it should be attacked for reasons other than the ERA. It seems that here again we would like to pretend that homosexuality does not exist. This writer sees nothing wrong with people who prefer homosexual relationahips. It is not a sickness. Because homosexuality deviates from the norm we fear it as much as we fear heterosexual rapists and classify them in the same area. Homosexuals should have equal rights. Forcing them to hide is more an example of an inherent sickness in society than sickness in the homosexual.

If women are ever to achieve an equal stake in this society then they must have passage of the ERA.Otherwise it will require each case of discrimination on the basis of sex to be tried in the courts — something which most women could not afford. Also, the amendment should be passed because the Supreme Court has recently shown that it cares not for the problems of women.

, Opponents of the ERA are committing the ultimate act of chauvinism. If the ERA does not pass it will prove once again that this country is not founded on the grounds of equality as we like to think, rather it will have proven itself to be the land where the strong survive and the weak serve.

Satire

The Sucker

THE SUCKER - A SATIRE IN FIVE PARTS

Conceived during the Nixon Years and alluding to Joseph Campbell's mythic tyrant Holdfast and Shelly's Ozymandias.

By QUID NUNC

Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert...Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those pasions read
Which yet surivive....

1. The Coup

Once upon a time on his eternal travels, the legendary and dangerous tyrant Holdfast took on a peculiar and ludicrous form. He eased himelf into a rustic hamlet called El Dorotto and cast a spell whereby all the people there perceived themselves as candies. He himself sought to be the most conspicuous candy of all, dressing up like an enormous all-day sucker, sporting large expensive wrappers at great public expense. Actually these ostentatious wrappers in coordinated fabrics and foils were covering up the really small, Sugar-Daddy-flavored sucker inside.

Holdfast just loved to be sucked and often congratulated himself on his inspiration to become a candy, although he was embarrassed by his small size. One of the drawbacks of this disguise, he soon discovered, was that his goody shrank in direct proportion to its being sucked. And since he indulged himself in being sucked (and sucking) so incontinently, he found it increasingly difficult to fill out those wonderful, large wrappers. He resorted to elaborate padding and flatulence, puffing out a Kelly green patent leather wrapper on St. Paddy's Day and liet-weight knits with SUGAR DADDY on the chest in the humidity of summer.

the candy people he lorded over were equally remarkable, crystallyzed in mid-stride, as it were, into a hamlet of assorted confections. There were Gumdrops — nice, well-received candies, but in large measure gummy. Nearby were Turtles and Chocolate-Covered Cherries. Turtles, a type of chocolate-covered nut with a caramel glue, were well-intentioned but largley ineffectual originals. Chocolate-Covered Cherries, on the other hand, were a type of innocent with a thin veeneer of experience; the age of the cherry encased in the sticky syrup varied widely.

Also caught in the spell were Jelly Beans, Horehounds, Mints, Taffy, M&Ms, and Sour Balls. Taffies were mud-pie colored suspensions who let just anybody stretch them and who consequently picked up a lot of dirt which worked right into their texture. M&Ms, venal and unstable, melted in the hand as well as the mouth. Jelly Beans were bland, pastel goo's, sluggish and lethargic, and Mints perpetually flitted about, covering over bad odors. Horehounds and Sour Balls were alike in temperment — grouchy and anal — although the horehounds were dirty brown in color. They were both bitter traditionalists, clinging to the absurb belief that the era 100 years before was infiitely superior by any standards.

Life Savers held the shaman role in El Dorotto, lending ritual but empty just at the center. They slipped around the hamlet, speaking even to the Red Hots, fiery hearts of iconoclasm. Red Hots made reference frequently to Bavarian Chocolates, little ineffable squares of True Candy, who had left one balmy autumn evening after vainly trying to convince the candy people that they were all under an evil spell. BC's claimed to have a plan to break Holdfast's hold, but no one except the Red Hots paid atention. The real people inside the Baravian Chocolate disguises thought the whole ruse ridiculous, especially since it benefied only Holdfast and his small circle of paid lickers. In addition to feeling silly in a candy suit, the Baravian Chocolate people felt that one candy forcing another to lick it was a real perversity in Candy land, and they wanted no part of it.

Of course the candies felt the effects of Holdfast's intrusion, for as usual he was a messenger of disaster, no matter how his affairs seemed to prosper — out for himself, horder of the general benefit. He confiscated their property and suppressed their goody. Candyland lost its sweetness.

To be continued next issue...
Part II — "Milling Around"

REAL ESTATE

Class Forming

SAINT LEO, FLA. — Chester W. Taylor, Director of the Real Estate Education Program at Saint Leo College, announced that the required Florida Real Estate Commission educational course for prospective real estate salesmen will be offered by Saint Leo beginning Feb. 7, 1977.

The eight week course will have two classroom sessions per week on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 - 10 p.m.

Ray N. Fleek, Assistant Professor of Business, will instruct the course. Tuition is $105 for the three-semester hour course, plus textbooks.

Advance registration is recommended, but latecomers will be accepted the night of February 7. Classes will be held in Crawford Hall, Room 3, on campus.

For additional information, contact the Real Estate Education Office on campus at (904) 588-3501.

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be raised in order to prevent the problems that had been presented. Brian O'Keefe agreed, saying that he believed that many of our students were not college material.

A vote was taken and it was decided that the letter would be presented to the Academic council again and that the fraternities would try to implement the proposed plans.

In the next few minutes the fraternities had individual meetings. Jerome Van Gurp stated that he wanted the opportunity to present the letter to his brothers for their ratification. Mike Pelusio of Alpha Sigma Chi stated that his fraternity had decided not to go along with the letter, rather they would work out tutoring programs within their own fraternity and hoped that the others would do the same. One of the reasons for this, according to Pelusio, is that the other fraternities had more brothers and pledges that needed such help than did Alpha Sigma Chi and that the plan would not help them at this time.

One of the arguments that Quatrone had used in the general meeting was that his fraternity would only have about 11 members next semester if the GPA rule continued and of those only about four could play in the flag football games.

It is now up to the Academic Council to agree or disagree with the proposals of the fraternities and the fraternities to implement the new programs. If a compromise cannot be reached then it will be up to the fraternities to eigher go along with the rules of the college or move off campus.

Satire

Monarch Interviews V P Public

By JUDE MICHAEL RYAN
Associate Editor

In its continuing series of in-depth interviews, the Monarch went to Oneida, New York to interview the Vice-President for Paramilitary Affairs at the College of the Sacred Buck. This institution has been around for over 100 years and has tried throughout its history to project an image of placid Christianity. The Vice-President consented to the interview provided we do not use his name. Therefore, the Vice-President will be known as Mr. John Q. Public.

"Mr. Public we appreciate your taking time out from your busy schedule to talk to us."

"Think nothing of it. I was just planning the Mass schedule for next week and that can wait."

"Tell me, what are your academic standards for admission into Sacred Buck?"

"'Well, first a student has to have a high school diploma or equivalent."

"What does 'equivalent' mean?"

"'A note from your mother would do. Then, of course, the student has to be able to come up with the funds necessary for tuition. Many students get bank loans, but a secret Swiss account is preferred, that way the funds can simply be switched from their account into ours without the rigor of having to fill out tax forms."

"I thought that as a non-profit institution there were no taxes on you."

"Well we are non-profit to a lesser or greater extent, but that Lincoln out there didn't come with coupons."

"What are the major fields of concentration here at Sacred Buck?"

"Call it the Buck, we do. We have the usual liberal arts concentrations such as physical education, health and life saving, however in addition we also offer majors in horticulture, reading and arithmetic."

"Then your primary thrust is to produce teachers?"

"No, absolutely not! We teach reading and arithmetic on the primary level. For upper-division electives there are courses such as remedial eraser, pencil 401 and metal shop."

"I imagine, that in order to stay competitive academically, you must pay teachers here quite a good salary."

"Well, we like to think so. Starting salaries for PhD's are about $6,550 per year, but teachers with experience generally command a higher scale. One of our teachers even reached what HEW considers to be middle-middle class, but he is no longer with us. It seems that one of his kids needed new shoes."

"Is that also the scale that administrators receive?"

"Well it is close. Our average administrator earns about $22,000 per year. But it must be remembered that we have to buy our own gas for our cars."

"Being an out of the way school, you undoubtedly encounter some difficulty keeping attendance up. What have you done to combat this?"

"One of the things we did this year was produce a film depicting the beauty and attitudes of the people here at the Buck. I had the starring role as a matter of fact. We believe this should help our program."

"Yes, I've seen the film. I noticed that faculty were conspicuously ignored on the screen. Any reason for this?"

"Well, you know how teachers are. Those that we filmed tended to ramble on about things like scheduling, grades and classes. Everyone knows that stuff like that doesn't sell so we had to cut it. This college transcends the routine of the everyday life. We want people to know that the Buck is a spiritual experience as well as physical."

"But doesn't that tend to ignore the importance of normal affairs."

"Yes and no. Yes it does, but, no, we wouldn't admit it. I don't think you understand that we are trying to attract people, not push them away."

"Tell me about some of the extracurricular activities here at S.B."

"Well, we have a track team but no track, a golf team but no tournaments and a baseball team but no coach."

"Are there other things for students to do in their leisure time?"

"Of course. There are three bars in our town alone,and every one of them has a foosball table."

"What is your role here at S.B.?"

"That is a little tough to explain. There aren't any other colleges in the country with a V.P. for Paramilitary affairs. Basically, what I do cannot be clearly defined."

"Well then, what is a day in the life of John Q. Public like?"

"Generally, I get to work about 9 a.m., do a lot of stuff and go home about five."

"What kind of relationahip do you have with your students?"

"We have a great relationship. I really like the little nerds. In fact, I look forward each day to discussing relevant things with those commie brats. To sum it up, I think they're a bunch of spoiled rich kids, but the important thing to remember is that they are the offspring of spoiled rich parents."

"How much is tuition here at Sacred Buck?"

"I don't know. I'm not sure. Why did you ask me that? Are you trying to cause trouble? Listen, if you want to know that ask somebody else, I don't have to answer that. It's people like you that cause trouble. Who do you think you are, Ralph Nader? Let's get back to facts. Sacred Buck is a happy little family."

"Do the students have a voice here at S.B.?

"They have a newspaper, but if they get out of hand we shut them down. We can do that and there is nothing they can do to stop us."

"Is S.B. a growing institution?"

"We certainly are. Last year our President articulated his wish to turn Sacred Buck into the Auburn of the North."

"Is there anything else you would like to say to us today?"

"Yes. You had better keep your car away from mine, I don't want all that dirt to get onto it."

"That is a nice car you have. What did it cost you."

"Nothing. Administrators get their cars free. That is one of the advantages of my position.

"Thank you Vice-President Public."

"You're wleocme. Oh, by the way don't worry about your car they towed it away five minutes ago."

Reward for the Patient

By TIM JUDGE

With the rapid rise of disco music in our society, many people have changed their taste in music to fit what the market has thrust upon them; meanwhile, true rock addicts sit and wait for the music they desire. The patient shall not go unrewarded.

Such was the case at the Curtis Hixon Convention Center on January 23 as a New York area band played second bill to Bob Seeger and the Silver Bullet Band. The concert began promptly at 8:30 with The Patti Smith Group. The namesake, clad in green boxer shorts, a blue warm-up and black leotards, guided her four-man band through forty minutes of lous, abrasive, and at times irritating music. During the performance Ms. Smith acted as if she was a contender for the heavyweight crown with a succession of left jabs into space. Unfortunately, during one song she became a bit carried away and, after seven successful spins, did a back flip off the eight-foot stage. She suffered hairline cracks in two vertebra and a bruised ego. She has cancelled all concerts for five to seven weeks.

After a forty-five minute delay, Bob Seeger ignited the building with his hard rock show. The Silver Bullet Band is as professional a show as can be found today. Playing songs like "Catmando" and contemporary hits like "Night Moves," Bob Seeger showed the consistency of his music. The band members performed with the timing skill that has been so prevalent in his previous works. At one break during "Night Moves," all the lights went out with the exception of two white spotlights centered on two mirror-covered spheres, which made for an excellent effect on the crowd.

The tragic conclusion of Patti Smith's act was only overshadowed by her band's lack of quality, while Bob Seeger's triumph over the audience seems to add wood to the fire of the argument presented at the outset of this piece. The patient shall not go unrewarded.

New Ralph's to Open

By TUCKER MC CRUM

The new San Ann Liquors, better known to most as Ralph's, will be opening its doors no later than June first. Ralph Jones, owner, was proud to show off his new place of business, and justifiably so. Not only will it be much larger in size than the present San Ann Liquors, but the location should also draw a larger crowd.

To a large percentage of the students, the hours after seven seem to be the only reason they go to school. Well, to all of you and anyone else, the opening of Ralph's should be a highlight.

San Ann Liquors, which will be located on S.R. 52, across from Leo's Shell Station, will be much more than just a bar. Included will be a large game room, a restaurant, a 7-11 type liquor and package goods store, a whiskey warehouse, a real estate office, and a large lounge. The lounge will have an oversized bar and many booths which can accommodate a large crowd. Perhaps one of the biggest features will be the separate mens' and ladies' rooms, inside the doors. To those of you who dreaded trudging out the door at the old Ralph's — hark you are now blessed with modern conveniences. The restaurant plans to serve burgers, chicken, fish, soup, steak, and various side dishes. For the lazy people who can't get out of the car, there will be a drive-up window for both bottle goods from the package store and food from the kitchen. A bell will even be provided for those who feel it too much exertion to open the car door.

Ralph feels optimistic about his new venture and says he is in no rush to open because he wants to "do it right the first time." Already the weather has slowed down the opening by a month, but by June 1st the new San Ann Liquors will be ready.

Blizzards in July?

By Mark Erb

Upon awakening on the morning of January 19, students were unexpectedly greeted by a sparkling white blanket of snow which covered the campus. While some students attended classes, others took a holiday and enjoyed snow-ball wars outside the dorms. It was a change from the sunny Florida that we have all come to know.

The unexpected snowfall brought some talk of the earth's axis tilting, and Florida becoming a cross-country ski resort. Also heard was a rumor that the earth's ozone layer had been destroyed by fluorocarbons. Well, I hate to stunt your imaginations at such an early age, but I don't think that either one of these rumors has any validity. Snow may not be a common occurrence in Florida but it is not unique either.

One of the state's worst freezes struck in the 19th Century. It happened on the morning of Dec. 29, 1894. The citrus crop was still on the trees when the temperature dropped into the low teens. One estimate said that over two million boxes of oranges were frozen, while many trees were badly damaged. The next year, nature pulled the second half of her one-two punch, this one being even more devastating, killing off most of the state's groves.

Grove owners barely had time to recover before another disaster overcame them in 1898. This one arrived unexpectedly from the gulf and dumped three to six inches of snow on the central and northern parts of the state. Children were delighted but many farmers were wiped out as they saw their groves turn into blackened sand hills. Many moved out, abandoning such citrus communities as Bryanville and Summit.

The 20th Century has also seen its share of inclement weather. Freezes have occurred dozens of times. In the 1960's snowfalls were reported as far south as Fort Meyers. But all you Crackers and Snow Birds take heart, just be thankful the Sunshine State doesn't have to battle Minnesota's -70 degree lows.

S.G.A. Offers

Reward

Student Government is offering a $50.00 reward to any person with information leading to the apprehension, conviction and or disciplinary action taken against the people causing the damage to Carol Edson's car 2 weeks ago.

This reward is intended to make more people aware of the vandalism that has been occuring on our campus, and is to act as an incentive to encourage students to expose such vandals.

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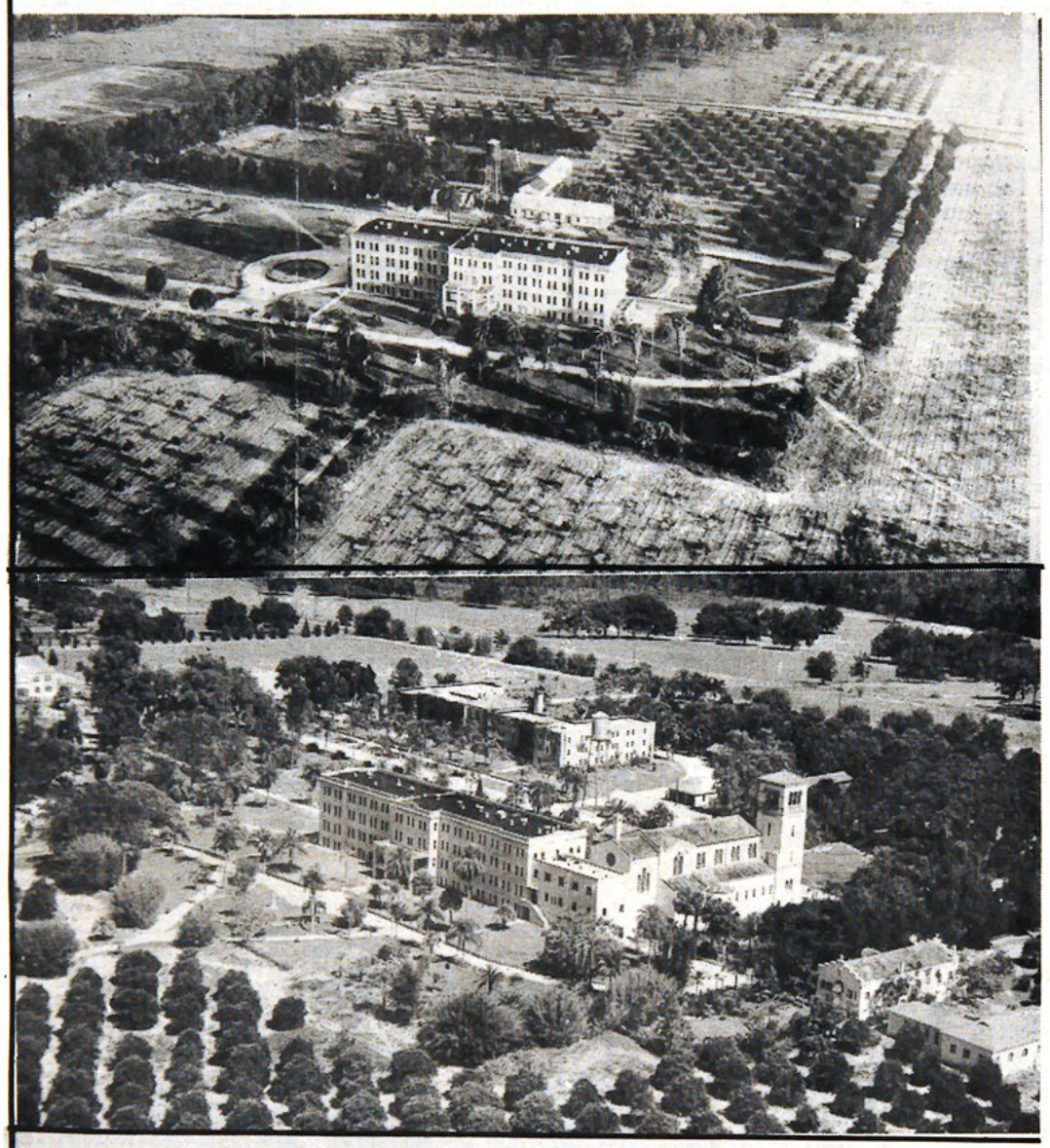

This is a nostalgic look at St. Leo Abbey and the sparse looking grounds in 1940, viewed from Lake Jovita. At this time the orange groves had only recently been planted. The building seen is what we know today as St. Leo Hall which was built by the Bendeictine Brothers themselves in 1906.

Several changes took place over the years and St. Leo Abbey was known as St. Leo Preparatory School. The Abbey Church, St. Edward Hall, Carmel Hall, the Old Gym and a few other ananymous buildings are visible in this 1950 photo.

Around 1960, when this photograph was taken, St. Leo had been recently established as a four year institution. The building seen nearest the road is The Cage. The vacant lot in the picture was the old athletic field, the present site of Lewis Hall.

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What Do You Think?

Since Jimmy Carter's inauguration two weeks ago an important decision was made by the newly elected President when he pardoned the Vietnam era draft evaders. Just like any other political issue there are those Americans who waved their flags high in agreement with Carter and those who firmly oppose it The Monarch conducted a survey on campus to find out what you were thinking.

Rita Ryan — "I think it was wrong because those people were American citizens and they had an obligation to their fellow citizens. They backed out of this obligation because of their "sincere and deep feelings" about the matter and yet they were unable to stand up for them."

Geoffrey Tancredi — "I didn t agree with it, because of the 50,000 who did fight and enlist; to them this decision is just like a slap in the face. I feel for those who did die."

Kathy Sill — "For the people who had a strong moral belief that fighting or killing was wrong, then I approve. But, for those who were just trying to save their own neck, then I do not approve of it at all. I am only sorry there is no way of distinguishing between the two groups."

Theresa Tancredi — "I think it was okay because any man that doesn't want to fight for his country shouldn't be forced to. If a man is forced to fight for his country his loyalty is forced, making the whole purpose of fighting for your country irrelevant."

Paul Heath — "I am against it! What about all those who lost their lives? This makes their death meaningless."

Bob Magnamelli — "I am not for it, it isn't fair to those who served. The deserters shouldn't be allowed to be called American citizens."

Karen Ryan — "I don't agree with it! I don't like the idea of those people getting off scot-free while others suffered in the line of duty."

Julie Harra — "I am against it. Ford had the perfect plan. This only proves the American Government as being weak and ruins the success of any furthr draft."

Tom Bonfield— "I think it was justified because he pardoned those who evaded the Vietnam War which was not a war at all."

Denise Maughn — "I can understand why he did it but, instead of unifying the country, he is separating it and besides, that is not fair to those who served."

Dawn Marano — "I do not agree. I think it is a poor example for future reference and is condoning something that isn't right."

Jerry Peppler — "I think it was basically a good move because I don't see how those individuals who had enough brains to descriminate between a just and unjust war can be penalized. Those people who are so short-sighted that they advocate ridiculous maxims such as, my country — right or wrong, are just advertising their ignorance of the issues."

Phil von Korff — "President Ford's idea of putting draft evaders into social work programs was a much better idea. To pardon somebody who runs away from his-her responsibility is definitely wrong. His move destroyed the spark of patriotism which this country definitely needs. The U.S. has always lent a helping hand to nations in trouble, but it seems to have decided to adandon this policy.

Debbie Vucic — "I agree with the pardoning. Why not pardon someone who had the courage to stand by his moral convictions?"

Sororities Pledge

By GAIL HAUGHEY

There are four sororities pledging the spring semester of 1977. Three of the sororities are under the rules and regulations of panhellenic, and one is a new sorority which consists solely of charter members. The new sorority, Psi Theta Epsilon, hopes to be recognised by panhellenic through their efforts in college functions. The sororities and their presidents are as follows: Alpha Sigma - Donna Eccelson, Delta Phi Delta - Anne Sloane, Phi Tau Omega - Caroline Bustamante, and Psi Theta Epsilon - Irene Lapage.

Under the rules of panhellenic, pledging must last no longer than five weeks. The officers of panhellenic are: President - Robin Faro, Vice-President - Maureen MGeehan, Secretary - Carmel Grifin, and Treasurer - Marsha Humes. Each individual sorority judges how long their group must pledge. The duration is judged by the unity and effort the pledges show as they are thrown together into one calamity after another. If by their actions they can prove to the sisters, already members of the group. that they can handle the interactions within their own small pledge class — then they are allowed entrance into a larger group "the sorority".

Welcome the newest member of the college community weighing in at seven pounds six ounces. The future St. Le fullback is the grandson of College President Thomas Southard. He arrived January 7th.

Termination of pledging is celebrated by a festive part of food, alalcoholic beverages, and gift giving. Another festive occasion in pledging is big sister — little sister night. Each pledge has a special sister in the sorority who watches over her and gives her encouragement when her spirits are down.

During pledging each recruit decorates a paddle for her big sister. The paddle-giving symbolizes the willingness for the pledge to accept and respect the authority of the sisters who have already gone through the same ordaal.

The reactions to pledging can be various: frustration, aggravation, laughter, and tears, can combine into a sense of relief and accomplishment — when a pledge has been accepted by her peers into a well organized social group. This semester's pledge mistresses are: Julia Keehlen for Alpha Sigma, Susan Brezinski for Delta PHi Delta, Cindy Bauer for Phi Tau Omega, and Susan Chaeffee for Psi Theta Essilon.

What does being accepted into a social group of this type mean to the new members? I t means group activities, community projects, long term friendships, and security. Students choose a particular sorority in accordance to its ability to fit their individual personality and needs. A ssorority serves as a special social group within a larger group, the college community.

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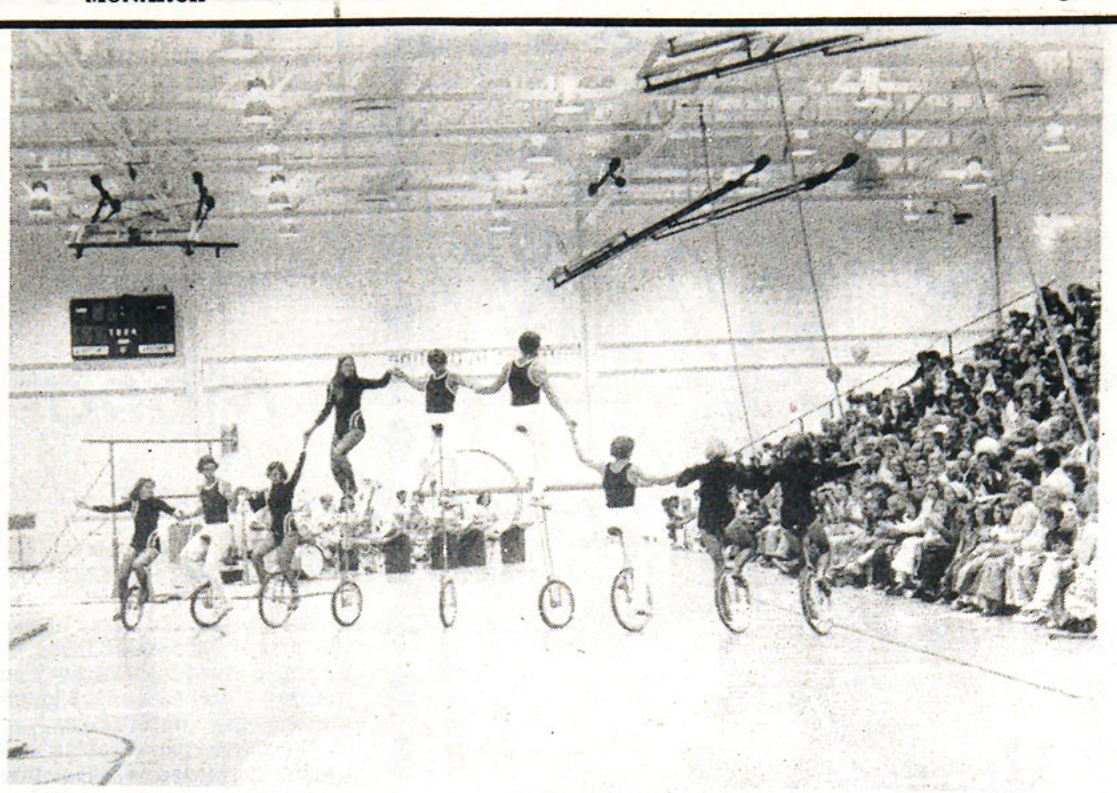
Dock to be Repaired

By JERRY PEPPLER

St. Leo College operates a dock and boating facility, used by various students for sunbathing and studying by the shore of Lake Jovita. The dock was originall owned by the St. Leo Abbey and three years ago it was rented to the college. The Student Government Association maintains the dock and beach-front through an agreement with the Abbey.

The dock, which is now in a rather dilapidated state was repaired in 1975 by Marcus Baker and Leo Alumnus Craig Lafferty. The following year the dock was allowed to degenerate to its present condition, though a new boathouse was built during the same period of time. Earlier this year the SGA allocated $200.00 for repair work on the dock, but Marcus Baker maintains that the bad weatherthat has occurred over the last few months, has hindered the beginning of repair work. Mr. Robert Richmond, the Vice President for Business Affairs, gave late February as the tentative deadline for the completion of the repair work. When asked about plans for the future of the dock, Richmond said there had been some talk of obtaining a speed boat for rescue and water skiing purposes.

Anyone who has visited the dock recognizes the need for repair work to begin as soon as possible or the student body will have lost this potentially enjoyable facility to time, wind and weather.



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Geography Field Study

By DONNA VUCIC

The students of Mr. Roscoe Davidson's Introduction to Geography class were provided with an excellent chance to combine a learning experience with a night of "dazzling" entertainment at the USF planetarium on Monday night, January 31. Having already covered an astronomy unit in class, the students had a first-hand look at the real thing. As the program started, they were able to sit back and relax in their seats in the darkened planetarium, while gazing up in wonder at the star-studded panorama unfolding before their eyes. After a brief orientation, the lecturer continued his narration while the plants moved through a full year's rotation in minutes. Familiar constellations were outlined along with their mythological counterparts by lines drawn in the sky.

Providing the basis for the planetarium and its programs is the Spitz A-3-PR projector — the first such instrument to be installed in Florida. It was purchased at a cost of $50,000.

As the lecture came to a close, the sky as it appeared that Monday night reappeared overhead, then slowly faded from view as the sunrise illuminated the eastern horizon.

There is no admission charge for programs during school hours on weekdays or for the public demonstrations every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Mr. Davidson feels that it is important for everyone to understand the position of the earth in relation to the universe. He expressed his concern for the general lack of interest for geography among students, since this knowledge is essential if we are to be good "caretakers" of our planet. Mr. Davidson initiated the field trip to USF last semester and intends to make it a regular feature of future geography courses.

Mr. Davidson is no stranger to taking students on interesting as well as informative and entertaining field trips. While an instructor at St. Leo he has previously taken students on trips to historic Cedar Key, on the northwest coast of Florida, where they can observe how the surface land building has taken place, owing to the wind blowing the sand into large sand dunes. The rustic fishing village is full of culture as well as geographic significance. Also included in the field trip were stops at Florida Caverns in Mariana, for a geological inspection, and the Florida Cross State Barge Canal, to note the way it cuts through limestone rock. Mr. Davidson hopes to plan this field trip for his classes next year.

While an instructor at USF, Mr. Davidson has taken students on expeditions to the Florida Keys to investigate the coral formations at John Penticamp State Park on Marathon Key, which is the only state park of coral formations in the world. Another especially interesting field trip was to Long River National Park, in western South Carolina, to view the sedimentation process while enjoying an all day raft trip.

Mr. Davidson is optimistic about initiating such field trips in the near future for interested students at St. Leo.

Dance Slated

SAINT LEO, FLA. — "PIRANHA", an eight-member band nationally known for its funky sounds will be performing at Saint Leo College this Saturday, February 5, in the McDonald Student Center, upper level.

The Mobile, Ala., based group that is a favorite with soul music enthusiasts, is comprised of Jim Andrews and Bill Clark on saxophone; P. J. Curran on keyborrds and vocal T. K. Lively on drums and vocal; Allyn Perdue on bass; Marchsll Smith on guitar and vocal; Leonard Stradford on trumpet and trombone; and Andrew Thomas on guitar, keyborrds and vocal.

For the last year Piranha has been opening concerst for Graham Central Station, Ohio Players, Rare Earth and The Spinners, only to name a few, as wll as playing such clubs as the "Beachcomer" in Daytona Beach, the "Playhouse" in Tampa, and has performed on the college circuit in Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

Sponsored by the College Union Board, the dance will begin at 9 p.m. and admission is free. The public is invited to attend.

Sailing Club schedule

The schedule of the Sailing Outing Club for the Spring Sememster is as follows:
Feb. 12, Dinner and Hayride
Feb. 19-23 Key West Excursion
March 12, Day Sailing on Tampa Bay
March 26, Deep Sea Fishing
April 9, Beach Party

Anyone interested in joining the club should attend the meetings held every Tuesday at eight in Crawford Hall.

Women's Tennis

The St. Leo Women's Tennis Team and coach are enthusiatically anticipating a good season this year, in spite of the miserably cold weather which has been hampering and limiting practice all during January. The team has eight scheduled matches, four at home and four away. An exhibition match was played against Pasco Comprehensive High School from Dade City on Tuesday, February 1 as a warm up for their first regular match, to be held on Monday, February 7, against Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton.

The team has only one returning player from last year, Kathi Sill, a junior. The rest of the team has had some experience, with freshmen Debbie and Donna Vucic having played on their conference winning high school tennis team and Cindy Bauer, who along with Ted Kolwicz, won the St. Leo intramural mixed doubles tournament during first semester.

The team members are as follows:

Number 1 seed Debbie Vucic, freshman

Number 2 Donna Vucic, freshman

Number 3 Diane Callander, senior

Number 4 Cindy Bauer, senior

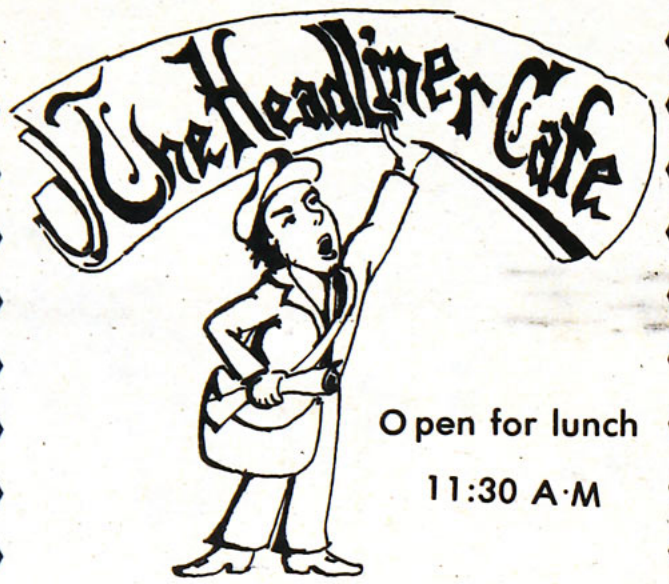
Number 5 Kathi Sill, junior

Number 6 Gayle Palme-Smith, freshman

Number 7 Susan McDonald, freshman

Cathy Ritch, Kim Marcil, and Debbie Levy will round out the team and play as substitutes.

In spite of the fact that they will be competing against schools with players of scholarships the girls are optimistic and determined to do their best for a good season.



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Monarchs Split — Again

JUDE MICHAEL RYAN

The St. Leo Monarchs opened their conference season last week facing Eckerd College on Wednesday night and Florida Technological on Saturday.

The Eckerd game was an easy win for the Monarchs, easier than it should have been. Ralph Nelson and Bruce Peters combined for 46 of the Monarchs' 98 points with fine outside shooting, complemented by the inside play of center John Fitzgerald who had 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Eckerd looked as though they had developed their style of play in the dark. They spent most of their time either not knowing where they were going on defense or going nowhere on offense. When one Eckerd player had the ball his teammates stood around and watched. Only the shooting of Eckerd guard Vernon Hair kept them in the game in the first half and they went into the locker room trailing by seven.

In the second half the Monarchs quickly took charge outscoring Eckerd 16 to 2 in the first few minutes.

John Fitzgerald's good play was helped along by the defense of the center covering him, Tim Broeseker. Broeseker spent most of the evening looking up as Fitzgerald's shots slipped through the nylon netting.

Midway through the second half of the game the Monarchs opened up a lead of 35 points and although Eckerd chipped away at it, the game was never in question after that. One of the highpoints of the half came when reserve forward Greg Fenlon scored his first points of the season. Fenlon has not seen much action thus far and his efforts were warmly received by the fans.

The final score was 98 to 73 and the Monarchs were led by Nelson with 24, Peters with 22, Fitzgerald-21, Dan Maracich-10, George Brown-8, and Dave Church-6.

Eckerd was led by Hair with 27 and Broeseker and Harscman who had 10 each.

Saturday night turned out to be a different story for the Monarchs as FTU came into Bowman Center and ended the Monarch winning streak at six games. Tech is one of the better small colleges in the area and they won the Sunshine State Conference last season.

The major difference in the game was Tech's ability to use their height and strength under the boards. They wound up with only five more rebounds than the Monarchs, but on offense they were able to work inside to gain position for lay-ups and follow-ups of errant shots. Lee Riley, a 6-4 forward, had 12 rebounds and 12 points.

FTU steadily built up their lead through the first half and led at the break by a score of 50 to 36.

The Monarchs went into the locker room to talk things over and did not arrive back on the court for the start of second half play until they were on the verge of a technical foul. Coach Kaye did not make an appearance on the bench until the tip-off.

The Monarchs played the second half with a new spirit and at one time managed to cut the deficit to two points. On defense, the Monarchs picked up their men at half court and the pressure rattled the FTU Knights into making some bad passes.s

Bruce Peters got the hot hand and hit 16 of his 28 points in the second half. John Fitzgerald fouled out of the game and this hurt the Monarchs although Dave Church came on to play mendably for the duration of the game.

After the Monarchs closed the gap, FTU brought in guard Bo Clark to fire some of his outside shots and put FTU back in front by nine.

With three minutes left to play FTU went into a stall that was effective at cancelling the Monarchs' chances at a comeback.

High scorers for the Knights were Prather with 20, Cark-18, Sparrow-14, and Lingelback-13.

The Monarchs were led by Peters with 28, Nelson-18, Fitzgerald with 12, and McDonald who had 10.

Lady Monarchs Drop Two

JOANI BEDORE

On Jan. 18, 1977 Tampa University took advantage of fine shooting ability to defeat the Lady Monarchs 62-14. Langly had 24 pts for the winners, followed by Wilcox with 15 and Ward with 11. For the Lady Monarchs, Julie Keelan, team captain lead with 4 points. She also played the best defensive game for the night, having the most rebounds, held balls and interceptions.

Two nights latr however, it was a slightly different story for the Lady Monarchs. This time their defeat (50-48) to a scrappy Claarwater Christian team was by no means an easy victory for Clearwater. The score see-sawed throughout the game many times, and was tied with 20 seconds to go a t the end of the period. Although the Monarchs tried for a win or an overtime, the Clearwater team managed to hand on to the ball and the score as the buzzer sounded. Kalasnik paced the winners with 25 pts, 13 of them from the line for 100 per cent accuracy there. Patti Matera was high scorer for the Lady Monarchs with 14, followeed by Karen Tyndall's 8, Julie Keelan's 7 and Barb McCornick's 7 pts. The best defensive performance for the evening came from Angela Lewis, a new player for the St. Leo Lady Monarchs.

The next game for the St. Leo Lady Monarchs was played at home on Jan. 24th against Manatee Junior College. The score was 52-31 in favor of the visitors, and Smalls led the charge for Manatee with 14 points. For the Lady Monarchs, Julie Keelan had 11 pts, and Joani Bedore played the best defensive game.

It was home again for the Lady Monarchs for a disappoijting loss to Brevard Community College 10-38. Brevard's high scorers were Taylor with 16 pts. and McLure with 12. For the Monarchs, Julie KEELeelan was again on top with 16, followed by followed by Barb McCormick with 9 points. The Best defensive game for the Lady Monarchs also came from captain Julie Keelan.

Finally, the Lady Monarchs traveled to Rollins to be defeated there 78-34. Welch led Rollins with 24 points, followed gy Biatostok with 10 pts. Julie Keelan led the Lady Monarchs with 14 points.

The next home game for the Lady Monarchs will be on Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. Plan to be there!